

## **Water Shortage Task Force Committees: Membership and Responsibilities**

### **Policy and Priority Committee**

#### **Membership (Task Force):**

- 1) Agriculture
- 2) Economic Development Advocate
- 3) Environmentalist
- 4) Academic Expert
- 5) Municipalities

#### **Responsibilities:**

- 1) Recommend a state policy on desired baseline flow maintenance for in-stream uses. *(30 months; June 1, 2009)*
- 2) Recommend a state policy for promoting water conservation. *(12 months; December 1, 2007)*
- 3) Encourage units of local government to pass ordinances that:
  - a) promote water conservation; and
  - b) establish priorities of water usage during droughts, including suggested model ordinances for counties and municipalities. *(30 months; June 1, 2009)*
- 4) Publicize the need for local communities to be prepared for droughts. *(6 months; June 1, 2007)*

### **Monitoring and Assessment Committee**

#### **Membership (Task Force):**

- 1) Public Water Supply Utilities
- 2) Steam Electric Generating Utilities
- 3) Industrial Users
- 4) Consumer Advocates
- 5) Public

#### **Responsibilities:**

- 1) Establish procedures to monitor, assess, and inform the public about the status of surface and ground water shortages for all uses in all watersheds, especially shortages due to drought. *(6 months; June 1, 2007)*
- 2) Prepare a biennial report on the status of current surface and ground water withdrawals in all Indiana watersheds that:
  - a) distinguishes between consumptive and nonconsumptive withdrawals; and
  - b) notes areas of current or likely water shortage challenges based on current usage trends and current knowledge of hydrology. *(2 years; December 1, 2008)*
- 3) Collect information concerning illustrative past and current surface water and ground water allocation conflicts in the state and how conflicts have been resolved. *(3 months; March 1, 2007)*